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Travis, please review this...I think this should work for everyone....

Cargill “Redwood City Salt Plant” Desk Statement

In 2012, Cargill Corporation and DMB Pacific Ventures asked EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether Cargill’s “Redwood City Salt Plant” property, a 1,478-acre diked area on the Redwood City shoreline next to the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, is subject to the Clean Water Act. The EPA and the Corps share responsibilities under the Clean Water Act to protect human health and the environment from pollution and destruction of waters.

On March 18, 2015, EPA exercised its authority under the Clean Water Act to determine whether historic salt marshes in South San Francisco Bay are protected under the Clean Water Act. These marshes are currently used as a salt-making facility at Cargill’s Redwood City Salt Plant, but are proposed for future development.

EPA works with federal, state, local, and private partners to protect the San Francisco Bay, one of 28 “estuaries of national significance” designated by EPA. Over 90 percent of the Bay’s historic tidal wetlands have been lost, but there are now important public and private efforts underway to preserve and restore these historic areas.

EPA will immediately begin a detailed scientific and legal analyses of this ecologically significant site and expects to complete this review later this year or early next year.

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